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Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tonight at 7:30

Little Likelihood Of Naval Battle As Feature Event Of Sound Bridge Celebration

Warren Says Special Appropriation Would Be Necessary

DIXON'S IDEA

Secretary Ickes Expected to Be Principal Speaker

Initial plans for a re-enactment of the Naval battle of 1864 off Sandy Point as a main feature of the Albemarle Sound bridge dedication celebration program next August, have apparently gone by the board, according to a letter from Judge John W. Darden, of Plymouth, to Richard D. Dixon, who was originator of the sham battle idea.

Mr. Darden writes that he has had a long talk with Congressman Lindsay Warren, and that the latter considers the battle effort a "fruitless one." "Mr. Warren states," wrote Judge Darden, "that such shows are always financed with special appropriations by Congress, that there is no money available for such activities in the regular appropriations, and that the Department would be forbidden to use its regular appropriations for special occasions," so "it, therefore seems that the program committee will have to rearrange its program somewhat."

All of which can be taken to mean that the fight between the confederate ram "Albemarle" and Federal gunboats on the very site of the bridge, which would certainly have been one of the very worthwhile side features of the celebration, will not be on the cards for emulation at this time.

But if Mr. Warren was dismissive with this plan he has brought some encouragement through a letter sent to Admiral Waesche, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard at Washington, D. C., in which he infers rather positively that Secretary Ickes, of the Department of the Interior, will be the principal speaker at the dedication, "and the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia will be present as well as about 10,000 other people." The Congressman wrote Admiral Waesche to secure the use of "the Pamlico and other Coast Guard boats for assignment to the bridge vicinity on the day of the celebration," and it was in discussing his request he spoke of Secretary Ickes and the other important side lines of the show. It is expected the request will be acquiesced in.

Swimming Class Ends On Saturday

Largest Enrollment Reported By Mrs. J. N. Pruden

Interest in swimming in Edenton has greatly increased which is evident by the large number enrolled in the Red Cross swimming class in progress this week. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, County Red Cross chairman, reports that enrollment is far ahead of last year when about 80 entered the class. This year there are 80 in the beginners' class, 25 in the swimming class, 24 junior life savers, and 3 senior life savers.

Considerable interest has been manifest in the classes, which have been conducted by Melvin Layton and Miss Ruth Privott. The beginners meet at Edenhouse Beach while the other activities take place at the Fish Hatchery.

The classes, which have been the most successful since they were started several years ago, will come to a close Saturday, and both of the instructors are very well pleased with the progress and interest shown.

Bank Of Edenton Be Closed On July 4

Monday, July 4, being a national holiday, Independence Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day. In view of this fact patrons of the bank are urged to arrange their banking affairs accordingly.

Cotton Blossom

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County farm agent, on Tuesday received the first cotton bloom of the summer. The blossom was sent in the mail, coming from Winborne C. Hollowell, living near Cannon's Ferry in the Third Township. Though July 4 is considered early for the first appearance of cotton blooms, an early crop appears to be certain in some sections at least.

Mr. Rowell in visiting over the County, however, reports that heavy rains in some sections have considerably damaged cotton stands as well as other crops.

Sound Bridge Used Before Dedication

In a letter to Judge John W. Darden, of Plymouth, Chairman Frank Dunlop, of the State Highway Commission, has said that the new bridge across the Albemarle sound would be thrown open to the public immediately after it and the highway terminals were viewed as ready for traffic.

The State chairman gave no time for this, but bridgemen headquartered here say this will be a month prior to the formal dedication of the structure. The bridge proper is practically done now and will be officially turned over to the State Commission early next week. But the north and south shore highway terminals are far from finished. Rains during the last month have retarded progress on them, and it is doubtful, it was explained, if the concrete surfacing will be completed before the last of July.

The huge bridge draw has been thrown into place this week and is being given its final coat of aluminum paint.

Commencement Of Daily Bible School Held Friday Night

Large Number Attend Exercises at Methodist Church

108 ENROLLED

64 Children Presented Certificates For Perfect Attendance

A goodly number of parents and friends gathered in the Methodist Church Friday night to witness commencement exercises of the two-weeks daily vacation Bible school, which was the largest and most successful since the school was inaugurated several years ago. Enrollment totalled 108 with an average attendance of 84. Sixty-four children were presented certificates for perfect attendance.

The program as presented was as follows:

Opening Song, "For the Beauty of the Earth," by the school, led by the Junior Choir; Songs, "Jesus Loved the Flowers" and "Thank You Loving Father"; Poem, "A Little Bird," Fay Dail; Poem, "Thank You Father," John Lynn Goodwin; A Lullaby, Lillian Leary and Jane Spry; Poem, "Tiny Little Sparrow," Mary Etta Perry; Poems of Prayers, Calvin Mills and Jean Tanner; Song, "All By Myself," Jane Spry; Memory Verses, Mary Dail Spry, Suzanne Speight, Lillian Leary, Carolyn Harrell, Jane Spry, L. A. Smith, Sam Holmes Elliott; Song, "Father Bird and Mother Bird," Suzanne Speight, Mary Dail Spry, Calvin Mills and Sam Holmes Elliott; Song, "All Things Bright and Beautiful"; Poem, "My Garden," Joyce Moore; Poem, "Honey," Alula Speight White; Poem, "Chocolate Pudding," Joan Feilds; Solo, "Our Lord Is a God of Love," (Continued on Page Five)

Dr. Whichard Now Full Time Health Officer In Craven

Appointed After Taking Special Course In Public Health

FAMILY MOVES

Broad Street Home Purchased By John A. Holmes

Edenton and his many friends in Chowan County were elated this week to learn that Dr. Murray P. Whichard had been elected full time health officer for Craven County, with headquarters in New Bern. Since he quit his practice here Dr. Whichard has been in attendance at the summer health school at the University of North Carolina, from which he graduated with high honors at the completion of the college term early this month.

At New Bern Dr. Whichard will succeed Dr. John Anderson, who left this week to become Cabarrus County health officer.

Dr. Whichard has had much experience in public health work, and this spring resigned as such a chief-in this county. He is a native of Martin County, and an alumnus of both the University of North Carolina and the University of Maryland. He is a first lieutenant in the United States Army reserves, and for several years had been connected with the local ambulance company with the commanding rank of major.

The Whichards left Edenton Thursday morning to make their home in New Bern. Their home on North Broad Street has been purchased by John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, who will move very shortly.

Lions Raise \$25 By Selling White Canes

Committee on Blind Is Well Pleased With Result of Sale

With Hertford and Elizabeth City yet to make their reports local Lions furthering the cause of aiding the blind through the sale of miniature white canes last Saturday, have been able to announce that slightly more than \$25 was raised in Edenton. Eight canvassers were out on the streets of the Chowan County seat all day and found but few who were unwilling to contribute in the very small way asked to this meritorious and worthwhile cause.

Leroy Haskett, R. C. Holland and J. A. Curran, the Lions Committee on work for the blind, which the local club has made its most important adjunct, were hearty in their praise of the movement, and feel that though \$25 seems like a small sum it represents at least 250 or more "canes" disposed of, and when added to similar contributions throughout the State will show a general wholehearted cooperation.

Clayton Hollowell New Sachem Of Red Men

Officers for the next six-month period were elected Monday night by Chowan Tribe of Red Men, and these officers will be installed at the meeting next Monday night. The new officers are: W. Clayton Hollowell, sachem; F. F. Tanner, senior sagamore; J. Craig Haste, junior sagamore; Asa Griffin, prophet.

The books of the Tribe will be audited Friday night by a committee composed of O. H. Brown, Frank Huges and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Little John Dobson Struck By Oil Truck

Little John Dobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobson, narrowly escaped serious injury Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a truck of the Texas Oil Company. The chap was running from his colored nurse on the Court House Green and upon entering the street ran into the truck. Fortunately only minor bruises about the face resulted.

Holmes Is Hopeful For Approval Local PWA Application

Warren Promises Push Efforts to Put It Through

GIVEN NUMBER

\$296,000 Would Be Used For School Purposes In County

With the adjournment of Congress and the previous passage of the great work relief bill with its \$5,000,000,000 allotment for PWA projects throughout the country, much interest has been evinced here in the possibility of Edenton's application for a \$296,000 grant to provide for a new public high school on the Hicks field property and additions to the colored school here and the county high school at Cross Roads, being decided favorably upon.

However, it is but fair, in this connection, to say that while the PWA grants have been very liberal in other states, the grants to North Carolina have been below the expected sums. School Principal John A. Holmes, who is engineering the local project application, expressed himself as hopeful this week that some favorable response would follow. Congressman Lindsay Warren, said Mr. Holmes, had written him that as soon as he could get up to the national capital he would stress the importance of the local grant, and would strive hard to put it through. A number, however, has been given to the application for use in correspondence, which has stimulated hopes for its approval.

First Showing Of "Lost Colony" To Public On Sunday

Dress Rehearsal Saturday For Specially Invited Guests

Opportunity to witness the final dress rehearsal of the company of "The Lost Colony" at Manteo next Saturday evening has been extended by invitations sent out by the Roanoke Island Historical Association and Paul Green, author of the symphonic spectacle which has its season's premiere on the following evening.

Invitations have been extended to about 2,000 people, most of whom witnessed at least one performance of "The Lost Colony" last season. Included in the list are more than one hundred people who witnessed ten or more performances. The proceeds of the dress rehearsal will be set apart to be used as a nucleus of the Lost Colony Foundation fund which has as its aim the endowment of the annual production of the symphonic drama and the establishment on Roanoke Island of a colonial and pre-colonial museum of American lore.

No tickets to the dress rehearsal will be sold and there will be no general admittance of the public until the following evening when the premiere performance will be presented.

Fishermen Meet In Morehead July 11th

Cage Hayman, deputy fish commissioner, has received word that a meeting of the Fisheries Commission will be held in Morehead City at 10 o'clock Monday morning, July 11. This is the annual meeting and as many fishermen from this section as possibly can are urged to attend. "It is to the fishermen's interest to be present," said Mr. Hayman, "and I hope many of them will be on hand."

JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 8

The monthly meeting of the Junior Auxiliary, which was scheduled for Monday, July 4, has been postponed until Friday afternoon, July 8. The meeting will be held with Betsy Shepard at 3:30 o'clock. Members are requested to note this change, and are urged to attend the meeting on Friday afternoon, July 8.

100 Guests Expected At Annual Meeting To Hear Reports And Plans Of Group

HEALTH OFFICER



DR. M. P. WHICHARD Recently completing a course in public health at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Whichard has been appointed health officer of Craven County with headquarters at New Bern.

J. A. Woodard Clinging To Thin Thread Of Life

Though he has been unconscious for several days and unable to take any sort of nourishment, James A. Woodard was still clinging to a thin thread of life as The Herald went to press Wednesday afternoon. For several days Mr. Woodard has been expected to die at any moment, but his heart continues to function although becoming much weaker.

Hotels Play Essential Part In Making New Friends, Says Horton

Often Called Upon For Services Quite Out Of Ordinary

COOPERATING

Necessary to Be Remindful of Value of Hospitality

Hotels, hungry alone for registrations, which fail to extend a friendly welcome and attentive service to the visiting public, are failing dismally in creating a definite impression of hospitality, declared W. K. Horton, proprietor and manager of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, in expressing himself yesterday as in hearty cooperation with the Governor's Hospitality program.

Mr. Horton, ever an enthusiast in extolling the beauties and historical merits of Edenton and its environs, and particularly in making the Hewes' guests feel grateful for having stopped at the hostelry, assured E. W. Spires, chairman of the Chowan Hospitality Committee, that he was red hot for full cooperation in the movement to stress the importance of hospitality at his place of business. Mr. Horton, usually taciturn, showed his enthusiasm in saying to Mr. Spires:

"It is probable that nothing adds so much to the pleasure of a trip, especially a vacation journey, as a friendly welcome and attentive service in hotels patronized. Modern hotels have trained their employees to a higher degree of courtesy than formerly, therefore our hotels have to extend unusual friendly interest in our guests to give them a definite impression of our hospitality. We have this constant opportunity to make friends for Edenton and our section, and hotels have good reason to be (Continued on Page Five)

Special Music Will Be Furnished By Honolulu Strollers

REPORTS READY

Clem Johnston of Roanoke, Va., Principal Speaker

Lively plans for tonight's annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce give assurance that the affair will be top notch in every way and likely to exceed any other gathering of the same nature heretofore held. Reservations have been coming in in good shape and it is fully expected that the 100 guests planned for will be on hand. The banquet will be held in the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and will be enlivened by much music, interesting organization reports, and a fine speech by Clem D. Johnston, of Roanoke, Va.

Mr. Johnston, an orator of some southern reknown who has made himself felt at similar affairs throughout the southland, has written Secretary J. H. McMullan that he will surely be on hand, and that he will arrive from Roanoke by motor around 6 o'clock. It had been hoped he would get here earlier so he could be taken about the points of historic interest, but he wrote that his private home engagements would prevent this.

The officially planned program for the evening has President J. H. Conner presiding and acting as introductory toastmaster. At 7:30 o'clock sharp the banquet will be expected in their table places, and Rev. George W. Blount will make the invocation. Dinner will at once be served and during the meal the Honolulu Strollers, an electro musical radio orchestra appearing at the Taylor Theatre, will give several renditions. The orchestra will be in charge of Sweeney Prosser, who has written that he will consider it an honor to take part in the banquet in the manner proposed.

At 8 o'clock, or toward the conclusion of the meal, Secretary McMullan will make his report for the past and ensuing year. The report of the treasurer to follow will show that the Chamber has about \$200 in the treasury left out of a year's balance of \$1,119.30.

The nominating committee will subsequently make known that it recommends the re-election of the same officers for the coming year who have served so well and enthusiastically during the past twelve months. Mr. Johnston will then be introduced and will talk for thirty minutes.

The banquet will mark the commencement of a year of great activity for Edenton and Chowan. It prefaces the formal opening and dedication of the sound bridge, which is one of the large expectations for Chamber advocacy in this section. Heavy tourist trade coming into the town because of the "Lost Colony" re-enactment at Fort Raleigh, also, makes the work of the organization important. These and several other matters of interest will go far toward making the organization a real working body, and it is hoped tonight's attendance will numerically give evidence of support in all this.

Last Friday Chairman J. W. Davis, of the Membership Committee, drew an attendance of almost 50 per cent of the Chamber membership at a preliminary meeting held in the Municipal meeting. It was a short and enlivening gathering at which Mr. Davis, an enthusiastic leader, stated that he expected last year's membership total of 120 to be renewed and exceeded. All those present were given lists of people to see in this connection and were told to report by Monday to the chairman. The reports turned in that day, however, did not come up to Dr. Davis' expectations, and he continued the drive until tonight at which time a report will be made of his efforts.

ROTARY MEETING TODAY

The weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will be held at 1 o'clock today in the Parish House. J. W. White, program chairman, made no announcement of what he had planned for the meeting. At next week's meeting the newly elected officers will be installed.